

# A New World

## Native Americans: 1<sup>st</sup> Americans

- Early hunter/gatherers crossed **Bering Strait** via land bridge between Siberia and America.
- {15,000/16,000 years ago}
- Hunted bison with spears/hand daggers
- ICE AGE: in Bering Strait created a land (ice) bridge that allowed animals to cross over to the Americas. When the animals crossed, hunters (people) followed from Siberia to N. America. 1<sup>st</sup> AMERICANS

## Food:

- **Staple Crop:** Corn (maize), squash, beans
- Absence of livestock in Western Hemisphere.
- In Siberia: Limited farming preventing the plowing fields and the appreciation of natural fertilizer- crops just grew so they just ate what was made
- Corn staple in U.S. is corn
- When staple crops go bad they add sugar to create liquor

## Indian Societies: South America

- Had cities, roads, irrigation systems, large structures like pyramids
- **Tenochtitlan:** capital of Aztecs in Mexico (an island)
- **Inca Kingdom:** modern day Peru/Andes Mountains (side of mountain)
- Showed that these SOCIETIES are CIVILIZED
- Knew architectural/math/science
- Mississippi Valley-cities and structures located around River Valleys
- WATER=SURVIVAL=LIFE
  - o Used for transportation of goods, services, ideals, diseases
  - o 90% of trade on water

## Western Indians: **Hopi/Zuni** Natives

- **Pueblo Bonita** in Charo Canyon, NM
- 5 stories high, over 600 rooms
- Not until 1880s was a structure created to this magnitude

## Indians of East North America

- Present day NY, Pennsylvania
  - 5 Iroquois Peoples: Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk
  - Formed **Great Council** with representatives from the groups to discuss how they would govern themselves the next year.
- REPRESENTATION OF DEMOCRACY
- And coordinate behaviors toward outsiders
  - SIMILARITIES TO U.S.: Government, Architecture, Cities, Irrigation Systems

#### DIFFERENCES TO U.S.:

##### Land/Property:

- Families owned the right to be on the land, but not the land itself
  - Land has a Spirit: Mother Earth: Mother Nature
  - Mother Nature should be respected because she gives birth/life
  - The Earth does not belong to people, so they share the land
  - Europeans covet land because they have so little, are greedy, value in ownership, Ownership demonstrates power so they try to claim ownership of the Natives land (or in the Natives eyes, their god/mother/goddess)
- Tensions rose between the 2 groups.

##### Native American Religion:

- Mother Earth, Father Sky
- Spiritual power, sacred spirits could be found in all kinds of living, inanimate things (animals, plants, trees, water, etc.)
- Polytheistic-multiple gods
- "Man belongs to the Earth - Earth does not belong to Man"
- Europeans believed in one God (Monotheism), everything on Earth for man, woman. You use what is given and gave praise to God.

##### Gender Relations:

- Matrilineal (society centered around the woman, clans/kinship groups in which the children became members of the mother's family, not the father's)
- Respect mothers/women/those who give life
- Everything follows the woman's life/tribe

- Europeans are very patriarchal, man owns woman, Man was made In God's image, and man has divine connection to God.

| Indian Freedom  | Christian Liberty   |
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| <p>"They are born, live, die in a liberty without restraint"</p> <p>Everything they do is their faith, entire life is holy.</p> <p>Europeans thought they lacked order, disruptive, uncivilized</p> | <p>Doing God's work</p> <p>N. A. live sinfully, Europeans must live without sin</p> |

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- Islamic middlemen and win control of the lucrative trade for Christian Western Europe-combined to inspire the quest for a direct route to Asia.
- European explorers found way to Asia through Middle East, but M.E. don't like Christians (Crusades) so when Christians cross through the Middle East they are taxed twice (coming in and out).

Portugal Travel:

- Portuguese established fortified trading posts on the W coast of Africa. Profits reaped by the Portuguese inspired other European powers to follow in their footsteps.
- They travelled the coast in a Caravel-a small boat which allowed them to get closer to shore to trade, multiple stops enabled trading posts along Africa (and spread African culture) and reached Asia sooner.
- Portuguese gained the idea of slavery from the Africans who traded Africans within the country then Europeans enslaved them, but when an ethnic group enslaves another ethnic group it changes.